

## **Minutes July 6, 2010 EAQAC Meeting**

Missing: Ted Sears, Sam Raker, Jim McDonnell

1) The meeting focused on challenges now facing the HELP plan as no Freddie or Fannie Mae can be used with a program like HELP due to questions about the primacy of organizations on property tax bills.

- Same issue is happening in Sonoma, CA and Eric is in touch with them, NACO, MMLS and Realtor Associations on the issue.
- Two Potential Paths:
  - Proceed – if near FHFA instrument, can not proceed. Only for conventional loans
  - Create Subordinate-to-Mortgage program and have MoCo funds in reserve
- HELP was slated for a July 20 or 27 move to County Council for action, now jeopardized

2) Bernie and Melitta briefed the committee in general terms on the interviews conducted for a new EAQAC member. Pam is processing new member in the system. Committee may be able to draw from this applicant pool for another appointment over the next 6 months.

3) There is a new MoCo/DEP website, please visit there.

4) "Clean Currents" program -- 14 nonprofits have collaborated in buying "green" energy saving \$180 K a year. 1-2 year contracts will be re-competed next year.

5) Melitta briefed EAQAC on the Sustainability Working Group activities and June outreach/education mtg.

6) EAQAC members were asked to forward "green stories" about steps they've taken in their homes and gardens to pursue sustainability goals to Steve for editing and eventual posting on the EAQAC/DEP web site.

7) Discussed letter being crafted by Bernie regarding the county not taking aggressive enough steps to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals and metrics. Committee may need more information to offer assistance in effecting a "mid-course" correction in this area.